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3. The management of Mostostal in Warsaw controlled a number of assembly bureaus in major towns of Poland. It was the mission of these assembly bureaus to execute all assembly work on the basis of plans made at the projecting bureau in Hindenburg. Some of these assembly bureaus specialized in specific fields. Thus for example the assembly bureau in Poznan was mainly concerned with the construction of gasometers. Assembly bureaus existed in Mikulczyce (Q 51/Y 48), Poznan, Krakow, Warsaw, Czestochowa, and Hindenburg. The last installation was only concerned with repair work on tools of other assembly bureaus.
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